Losses incurred by the Hindustan Copper Limited

2244. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss incurred by the Hindustan Copper Limited during the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the senior officials of Khetri Copper Complex reported to Government in October, 1985 that the mines were working on profit on entirely false pretext;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and action being proposed to be taken against such senior official or officials reporting wrong figures; and

(d) the details of programme to select right person to the post of CMD who should have both administrative and mining experience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The loss incurred by Hindustan Copper Ltd. during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 was as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Loss incurred
1982-83	29·83
1983-84	6·78*
1984-85 Provisional	3·15*

*After interest holiday on Government loan.;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Chairman-cum Managing Director, Hindustan Copper Ltd., relinquished charge on 30.9.85 on attaining the age of superannuation. Appointment of a successor to the post is under active consideration and a decision is expected soon.

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Termination of Typists in DGS&D

2245. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for terminating the services of about fifteen qualified and registered in employment exchange typists, first recruited on daily wages basis and later on ad-hoc basis about three to four years ago, by the DGS&D recently.

(b) whether these typists were surplus hands for the last three to four years.

(c) whether the Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) These 15 persons on being sponsored by the Employment Exchange, were appointed on daily wage basis between 24-3-81 and 26-8-82. All of them were subsequently appointed on ad-hoc basis of LDCs from 28.9.83. In terms of Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 6|60|84-CS—II dated 22.5.85, the services of these 15 persons were terminated as they were not eligible to take the special qualifying examination conducted by the Staff Selection Commission in 1985, being overaged at the time of their appointment as ad-hoc LDCs (Typists) on 28.9.1983.

It may be added here that the DGS&D organisation had appointed 78 daily wage Typists as ad-hoc LDCs on 28.9.1983. In April 1985, Department of Personnel directed that the ad-hoc employees fulfilling the following conditions may be sponsored for the special qualifying examination for regularisation of their services:

(i) the ad-hoc employees should have rendered one year's service as on 1-1-1985.

(ii) Should be within 25 years of age at the time of appointment. Since these 15 candidates did not fulfil the second condition and they were allover-age, their services had to be terminated.

(b) No Sir. They were appointed as a stop gap arrangement till regular incumbents were available and would have been allowed to take part in the Special Qualiying Examination if they had been within the prescribed age limits. As they were all over-age at the time of their appointmnt on ad-hoc basis on 28-9-83, they were not eligible for the qualifying examination.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in view of what is stated at (a) and (b) above.

Transfer of quota by AEPC

2246. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to quota policy of AEPC and the applications for transfer of PP quotas and declaration of transferees files during 1984 and 1985 and state:

(a) the total number of applications in each country category for which AEPC authorised transfer of quota along with the total number of PCS transferred in each country category during each month of 1984 and 1985; and

(b) the total number of applications in each country category for which AEPC authorised transfer of quota along with the total number of PCS transferred in each country category for USA and EEC on each AEPC working day since 1st January, 1985 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The details of such transactions are not compiled by the Apparel Export Promotion Council.

Ban on import of meat by certain countries

2247. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of those countries which have banned the import of mutton and buffalo meat in their countries during the last two years;

(b) the loss of foreign exchange suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have put a ban on the import of buffalo meat from India from April, 1983 and October, 1985 respectively on account of rinderpest disease in Indian cattle. Exports of buffalo meat to these countries have registered a decline.

(c) India had earlier been classified by the FAO as an area where "disease is much reduced but still exists" in regard to rinderpest. The matter was taken up with the FAO and India has since been classified in the category "low sporadic occureance confined to certain regions." The matter has been taken up with the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait authorities for lifting the ban.

Compulsory pre-shipment inspection has been prescribed to ensure quality of meat exported from India. Efforts have been made to diversify and locate new markets viz. Malaysia.